

COMPERS WRITES: NO CANAL RATHER THAN CHINESE LABOR

BY SAMUEL GOMPERS.
President of the American Federation of Labor.



Why am I opposed to the employment of coolie labor on the Panama Canal? Because it will be constructed by American labor.

The belief that American labor will not go to Panama is not well grounded. Americans will go — American negroes to perform the unskilled labor, American whites to perform the skilled labor. All that will be necessary to attract them — or at least not to deter them — will be to devise proper conditions.

They must receive good wages, assurances of good, nutritious food and habitable lodgings, with fair surroundings when not at work and innocent and pleasurable amusements to divert them.

I am further opposed to importing Chinese labor to be controlled by the United States. The United States can do almost anything that any other country can do — physically, mentally, morally and politically.

But there are some things that it cannot do and ought not attempt to do. One is to change the essential features of our republican form of government and the principles on which it is based or anything that might contribute to its undermining. The Panama route has been chosen. An isthmian canal is a necessity. The Panama route has been chosen. We all want it. But the canal ought not to be built by us, and I would rather that we abandoned the undertaking, than that it should involve so radical a departure from the principles of safety to our people, our civilization and our country as to admit Chinese labor to free and unlimited competition with American labor. In that we will never willingly acquiesce.



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great wheel of progress in this vicinity.

The Magdalena and Kelly mining districts continue to boom, and now that the future of the camp is assured, there is almost a scramble for every inch of ground in the district. The camp is now connected by telephone and with the completion of the line north, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Vegas and other cities will be put in touch with the busy and prosperous camp.

Your correspondent learns that in the vicinity of Magdalena, this county, there is one vast herd of sheep, extending for miles, awaiting shipment, and that orders for more than 700 cars have been placed with the Santa Fe railway company, already for the handling of these vast shipments. J. W. Hilton, a prominent saloon man of Magdalena, better known as Happy Joe Hilton, is scheduled to get married to Miss Phillips of the same place, tonight. It is said that the wedding will take place here, Joe will not tell you why when you see him, but the boys will wait for him just the same.

BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES

The students of the Albuquerque Business college have formed a football team and have already gone into practice in preparation for a few interesting contests.

Miss Mae Livingston, a young lady who has recently arrived from the east, is enrolled among the shorthand students of the A. B. C. William Neher, the well known second baseman of the Albuquerque Browns, has enrolled for a course in book-keeping and business accounting.

The young men of the college have formed an athletic club and are now providing for a gymnasium in the basement of the library building. Messrs. Triplett, Stacy and Davidson are the officers of the club.

Eighteen prominent concerns in this city and contiguous territory, have asked for the students of the college who wish to do office work. The demand is immense, and entirely beyond the present capacity of the college to supply. A young person who secures his business education at the A. B. C. is assured of a good position; in fact, has his choice of good situations.

Prof. Stoll has just purchased a valuable property in the Highlands, and is now arranging excellent boarding and lodging facilities for students from out of town.

New tables for the accounting department were recently added to the college equipment. A complete bank, known as the "Merchants' National bank," has been arranged, and is supervised by Miss Watkins.

The students of the college are arranging for a musical and literary entertainment, to take place at an early date. An interesting program will be given. Admission will be charged and proceeds devoted to providing uniforms for the college football team.

President Ramsay visited Las Vegas, Bernalillo and Corrales, and everywhere received much encouragement. The number of students who promised to attend the A. B. C. is very large, and insures the permanent growth of the school, the total enrollment of which will reach seventy-five pupils before the end of this month.

James E. Johnson, of St. Paul, Minn., is attending college. Mr. Johnson is training to become an expert stenographer.

Our typewriting department now has thirty students. Eight machines are in use, representing four different manufacturers, viz.: Underwood, Smith Premier, Yost and Hammond.

PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS, ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, MOVING BUILDINGS, ETC., Albuquerque, N. M., 1905. Sealed proposals, endorsed "PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS, ETC.," and addressed to the undersigned at Albuquerque, N. M., will be received at the Indian school until 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, November 4, 1905, for furnishing and delivering the materials and labor for painting 4,600 yards, varnishing 1,251 yards, and laminating 4,366 yards of surface, 2,155 square feet of blackboard, one 10-horse power motor, one 20-kilowatt transformer, one 25-horse power steam boiler, 1,500 feet of iron and sewer pipe, 100 barrels cement, 20,000 feet lumber, moving and relocating three small buildings, etc., etc., as per list and specifications obtainable at the school. Bidders must state specifically in their bids the proposed price of each article to be offered under contract. All articles so offered will be subject to rigid inspection. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part of any bid, if deemed for the best interests of the service. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or draft upon some United States depository or solvent national bank, made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for at least 5 per cent of the amount of the proposal, said check to be forfeited to the United States in case any bidder receiving an award shall fail to execute promptly a satisfactory contract in accordance with this bid; otherwise to be returned to the bidder. Bid accompanied by cash in lieu of certified check or draft will not be considered. For further information apply to James K. Allen, superintendent.

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Notes from Correspondents

DECISIVE VICTORY FOR COLLEGE TEAM

OVER EL PASO IN FOOT BALL GAME AT MESILLA VALLEY.

Special Correspondence.

Mesilla Park, Oct. 30.—Before a crowd of 200 howling roosters the second team of the Agricultural college defeated the Second Athletics from El Paso, by the decisive score of 22 to 0. The losing team did not have a look in at any stage of the game, as they never made first down. Although the teams were very evenly matched as to weight, the superior training and condition of the college "scrubs" together with their team work, soon showed itself, as they swept down the field for gains of five and ten yards. The playing of Rokahr, Ames and Graham for the college was the feature of the game, while the El Paso backs did good work for their side. Many new men were tried out by Coach Miller and some good material was discovered. The college line-up was as follows:

Center, Davila, guards, Sweet and Stoneking, tackle, Anderson and Sullivan, ends, Mata, Allen and Hall; halves, Rokahr and Graham; full back, Ames.

The most pleasing feature of the game was the show of good spirit by the college people, time and again yelling being given for the losing side.

Taken as a whole the foot ball prospects for 1905 are the brightest in the history of the college. The schedule has been made out, and the season will probably extend way into December. Many teams from all parts of the territory have agreed to dates. It is not likely, however, that games with all of them can be arranged. On November 4 the first team of the college plays Fort Bloss, November 11 and 18 the second team plays the University of New Mexico and Fort Bliss play on November 29 and December 9.

PROMINENT PEOPLE MARRY AT SAN MARCIAL

Special Correspondence.

San Marcial, N. M., Oct. 30.—A. G. Burlingame and Mrs. S. Rose, both prominent and highly respected people of this city, were quietly united in marriage Saturday evening at 9 o'clock at the H. and M. bible school, Rev. G. H. Givin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, officiating. The happy couple will be at home to their many friends at the above mentioned institute.

SIGNING LANDS FOR ELEPHANT BUTTE PROJECT

THE LAST DAY IS OCTOBER — MANY OTHER GOOD ITEMS.

Special Correspondence.

Las Cruces, N. M., Oct. 30.—November 4 being the limit on which persons can sign their lands to the Elephant Butte project, hundreds of people are hurrying, as the last day approaches, to sign. Many have never had their deeds recorded, and are coming in hordes to Clerk Armijo. Ninety thousand acres were pledged today. The Dona Ana Bond Colony grant will sign 5,000 or 10,000 acres, more or less. All districts report activity in the matter. People who objected to signing are being heartened, but nothing seems to influence them. They realize the great chance they are taking. Your correspondent believes that many of them will sign on the last day.

The board of county commissioners held a special meeting, but it was adjourned and little business transacted. F. H. Bascom & company is building a new store room, modern in every respect.

Several real estate transfers have taken place the past week, many of them involving thousands of dollars.

All citizens should come to the Mesilla valley and buy a piece of dirt. It is bound to be a good investment.

The territorial term of court has adjourned. It was the most strenuous term in the history of the county. It seems that the juries were for conviction and they found a number of true hills.

A franchise has been granted to local capitalists for an electric street car system between this city and El Paso, Texas.

Las Cruces is on the boom—a healthy, progressive boom. Many houses are under construction and old houses are being improved. The schools are getting too small to accommodate the rising generations, who get their education through the public schools. Eastern capitalists are besieging the old town and buying

to beat the band. New livery stables have been opened, with up to date turnouts, good enough for any city with 100,000 inhabitants. The hills east of Las Cruces are being populated and \$10,000 residences are being built. It is the wave of prosperity coming with the dam. The Mesilla valley is the Cinderella of the West. We have everything, nearly everything, but there is one thing we have plenty of—climate.

There are no flies on the merchants. They are all waking up. They really were asleep. Now every merchant is showing goods in his windows. Before, they kept their goods in the cellar, with the wine, whiskey and Anheuser-Busch products. They are rivals to El Paso. Stores are being built and big plate glass front adorn them.

Real estate men are busy. They are reaping while the farmer is sowing. Land is going at all prices. One acre sold for \$500. Everybody can get a free ride into the country. All are willing to show you, even if you are not from Missouri.

SOCORRO TO HAVE NATIONAL BANK

TO BE CONDUCTED BY PRICE BROS.—THE BOHEMIAN COLONY AND OTHER HAPPENINGS.

Special Correspondence.

Socorro, N. M., Oct. 30.—Your correspondent learns from reliable sources that Socorro is to have a national bank, after the first of the coming year, at the head of which will be Mr. Joseph Price, of Price Bros. & company, of this city. This firm has done a banking business in connection with their general merchandise business for several years, but now that the commercial demands of Socorro demands and warrants this step, the organization of a national bank with complete capital to meet the demand, will follow, while Price Bros. & company will go out of the banking business, and Mr. Joseph Price will at the head of the banking institution. It will in no way affect the general merchandise store, which will continue under the able management of Mr. Maurice Lowenstein, the prince of merchants of the Rio Grande valley. The importance of this move cannot be overestimated by the people of Socorro and vicinity, as it is but another evidence that notwithstanding the misfortunes that have in the past tended to hold back the progress of this rich and beautiful valley, the wheels of progress made possible by these conditions are moving on at a rate that will put the croaker out of business.

Max Kirchman, who has been here some weeks in the interest of a Bohemian colony, which he proposes to locate in New Mexico, has taken options on large bodies of land in the vicinity and taken other steps looking to the location of this colony here. This is another spoke in the

LITTLE "TEDDYISMS" IN SOUTHERN TOUR

On leaving Washington: Waved a goodbye to those at the station.

At Raleigh, N. C.: Waved a special greeting to crowds of little children.

Expressed his pleasure and appreciation at being met at the depot by a veteran who wore the gray.

At Charlottesville, N. C.: Held up a little girl to the crowd and said: "Here is your best product."

Held train long enough for Mrs. Roosevelt to respond to a visit made to the train by the widow of "Stonewall" Jackson.

At Richmond, Va.: Greeted by the ladies at the governor's mansion, said:

"Isn't this perfectly fascinating?"

Asked question about the historical pictures on the walls of the mansion.

During his speech, gesticulated so that he knocked over and smashed a glass of water.

Expatriated with the crowd for shoving, and said, "Remember the

ladies. Show the self restraint I am talking about."

At Atlanta, Ga.: Waved his hand to the music of "Dixie" and joined in the cheers.

Grinned his pleasure at being called "Georgia's most illustrious grandson."

At Roswell, Ga.: Shook hands with his mother's old nurse.

Inquired about old landmarks. Had himself and Mrs. Roosevelt photographed with the old family servants of the Bullocks.

At Jacksonville, Fla.: Stepped out of the program for ten minutes to address several thousand negroes at an academy.

At St. Augustine, Fla.: Slipped over to Anastasia Island and took a surf bath with three members of his party.

Birmingham, Ala.: Saw drunken man drop pistol and pointed him out to officers.

Shook hands with young lady sponsor of cavalry troop, who rode beside his carriage as an escort.

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